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TO THE JUBILEE SINGERS.

The following lines by John G. Whittier, which he recently wrote in the album of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, are published in the Chautauqua *Herald*:

"Voice of a people suffering long!
The pathos of their mournful song,
The sorrow of their night of wrong!

Their cry like that which Israel gave,
A prayer for one to guide and save,
Like Moses by the Red Sea's wave.

The blast that startled camp and town,
And shook the wall of slavery down—
The spectral march of old JOHN BROWN!

Voice of ransomed race! Sing on
Till Freedom's every right is won,
And slavery's every wrong undone!

JOHN G. WHITTIER."

DEATH OF WILLIAM H. HALL.

Another friend is gone! Another pioneer has departed!!

We are grieved to announce the death of our dear friend Wm. H. Hall, who died on board the steamer City of Panama on Tuesday, 6th inst.

Mr. Hall was well and favorably known throughout this State as much as any colored man among us. His varied talents, his genial disposition, his eloquence, his patriotism, his devotion to his race and his many requirements would have made him a marked man, and given him a reputation in any community and an enviable position in any sphere of life.

Wm. H. Hall was born in the State of Virginia, March 15th, 1823. He was brought up by his grandfather, Harry Hill, one of the most prominent black men of his day. While yet a child, Mr. Hall removed to the District of Columbia where his protege had the advantage of cultivating his elocutionary talent for which he was pre-eminently distinguished. At an early age he organized a debating societp of the colored youth of Washington and soon became a leading spirit among them.

The barber's business at that time being the mest profitable avocation for colored persons he was apprenticed with the late Wm. H. Yates, Messrs. Snow, Wormley and other prominent colored men of Washington, who observing his ability for forensic display encouraged his ambition until he was soon acknowledged the peer of the ablest colored men of that day.

About 1846 Mr. Hall came to New York where he soon become known as a public speaker and the associate of Hon. J. McCune Smith, Wm. P. Powell, Thomas and George Downing and the bright galaxy of talent for which then the empire city was justly celebrated. In 1848 in connection with Herbert Morris also a Washingtonian he opened a public house called Head Quarters. He continued in this business until 1850, when the California emigration fever took possession of him, and he joined the army of Argonauts in search of the Golden Fleece. In this adventure he was successful, and soon accumulated sufficient to warrant his return home. In 1852 he open a saloon and boarding house in New York called the El Dorado, which was then the finest place of public resort for the accomodation of the colored persons in that city.

On the 16th of March, 1853, having just completed his 29th year he married Miss Lavinia Bailey who lives to mourn the inevitable separation.

In 1854 he again concluded to come to California, and was soon after joined by his wife and child, since deceased.

He then removed to Oroville and opened a Hair-dressing and Bathing establishment which was soon after destroyed by fire.

When in Oroville he was correspondent editor of the *Spirit of the Times*, the first journal established by colored men in California. He was likewise a member of the Convention called by colored citizens in Sacramento in 1854, 1855, 1857 and 1865. In 1855 he was President of the Convention.

He then returned to this city and opened a saloon called the May Flower.

The business being distasteful to him he abandoned it and took a position as barber on the Mexican steamer where he continued until 1869 when his adventurous spirit was excited by the rush to the recently discovered mines in White Pine, Nevada. His reputation as an orator and a close student was well known and on the adoption of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States the colored citizens of Virginia City invited Mr. Hall to deliver an orator at the celebration in that city.

Failing in his White Pine speculation he returned to this city and resumed his occupation as barber on the steamer of the P. M. S. S. Co. which he continued until his death.

Mr. Hall leaves a widow and eight children towards whom our heart beat in sympathy for their bereavement We have known Mr. Hall since his first residence in New York and the bond of friendship has continued unbroken. He was the soul of honor; generous in his dealing, honest in his business transactions, steadfast in his friendship, unwavering in his political principles.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CANVASS.

It is to be regretted that the democrats have not chosen, by their nomination and platform, to identify their canvass clearly with a few broad principles of legislation, administration, or constitutional interpretation. A thorough discussion of the fundamental ideas of our government, as far as they concern the powers of national and state authority, would have been exceedingly valuable in its educational influence upon large masses of voters who have never been led to a serious consideration of the questions involved. The traditions of the democratic party lead it to take the side of state authority as against the federal power; those of the republican party lead it to favor the extension and strengthening of the national authority at the expense of the state governments. A contest on this ground would have involved the revival of the early discussions between the federalists and anti-federalists and a close study of the opinions of the fathers of the republic and would have lifted the campaign to a high ground of statesmanship. The democrats, it is true, would have been somewhat at a loss to reconcile the theory of their party with its practice when in power. Jefferson, the great advocate of the state's rights and loose government theory, made an exceedingly vigorous administration when he got to be president, and was as much disposed as his federalist predecessors, Washington and Adams, to make the most of the powers given him by the constitution. Jackson, when he wanted to destroy the United States Bank and when he threatened to hang the South Carolina nullifiers, was as stalwart a "strong government" man as was Grant in later years. Pierce and Buchanan, in their efforts to fasten slavery upon Kansas against the will of her people, stretched to the utmost all former broad interpretations of the constitution. As a rule, the party in power takes liberal views of the extent of federal authority, and the party out of power makes use of the rights of the States to combat its successful rival. Nevertheless, so far as professed principles are concerned, the democrats can claim to be the party of the States, and the republicans can claim to be that of the nation.—*September Atlantic.*

—Our friend William D. Kelley is at Leavenworth, Kas., doing remarkably well.

BILL ARP ON THE PRESS.

Your paper is a great comfort to me. In every number I find something to put away in mind and memory; something that I did not know before, and which will be of advantage to me in time to come. If a man can read he can get a good education by taking one good paper; he can keep up with the world, and make himself an entertaining member of society; he can talk up a little on most any subject. Book learning is a very good thing, but I know a man who has a power of that, but he never reads the papers, and passes for a fool in his neighborhood.

Some papers are not much account as to appearance, but I never took one that didn't pay me, in some way more than I paid for it. One time an old friend started a little paper away down in Southwestern Georgia, and sent it to me, and I subscribed just to encourage him, and so after a while it published a notice that an administrator had an order to sell several lots of land at public outcry, and one of the lots was in my county. Some one inquired about the lot, and wrote to my friend to attend the sale and run it to fifty dollars.

He did so, and bid off the lot for me at thirty dollars, and I sold it in a month to the man it joined for a hundred, and so I made sixty-eight dollars clear by taking that paper. My father told me that when he was a young man he saw a notice in a paper that a school teacher was wanted away off in a distant country, and he went down there and got the situation, and a little girl was sent to him, and after a while she grew up mighty sweet and pretty, and he fell in love with her. Now, if he hadn't took that paper, what do you reckon would have become of me? Wouldn't I be some other feller, or may be not be at all?

A new religion has been inaugurated in Jackson and Macon counties by a man named Sage, who thinks he has been inspired. He insists on going about the country wearing as his prophet's mantle an old tow-sack literally covered with ashes. He has hit upon an other idea only second to that of the sack and ashes: when he preaches he takes the sandals from his feet, "this is holy ground," and is imitated by the faithful. He has secured a following of two or three hundred persons, and this in the heart of Tennessee.—*Ex.*

Careful crop reports from all parts of the West and Northwest show that the prospects of the wheat harvest are excellent, both in respect to quantity and quality. The acreage is much larger than last year, and the yield, particularly in the Northwest, is better than last year. The total yield in Minnesota is expected to be over forty million bushels. The corn growth in Iowa is simply magnificent. The new farms of Dakota promise immense yields of wheat and oats. Western Kansas has suffered severely from lack of rain; Eastern Kansas rejoices in harvest measures heaped and running over. On the whole, the great harvests of the West never have been better, in the aggregate never nearly so great as they promise to be this year. All the way from the Alleghanies (for there is about where, according to Eastern estimate, the "West" begins) from the Alleghanies to the evening shadows of the Rocky mountains, the shrill clangor of a million "reapers" fills the valley and prairie with exultant music of its great harvest-hymn.

H. Q. Wagoner, of Denver, Colorado, writes:

I do hope that every colored man in the North, every voter, will feel and act as though the entire result of the coming Presidential election depended upon him. This would be acting upon the principle that "God helps those who help themselves."

From the premium list of the North Carolina Industrial Association, just received, it appears that the Fair which takes place at Raleigh next month will surpass that of last year. By encouraging the people to a laudable competition in the development of the natural resources of the State, and by the cultivation of their tastes, it is certain that the Association has done as much to assert the capacity of the American Negro for advancement, as if it had contributed to the development of any number of orators and politicians. The *Journal of Industry*, the organ of the Association, by promoting the development of a healthy public sentiment, has done much to make this movement a success.

We have just received Rowell's Manual for Advertiser's (131st edition) It is of invaluable service to the advertiser, and contains many suggestions valuable and instructive to the publisher. It will be sent by George P. Rowell & Co., New York, on receipt of twenty five cents. The Directory for 1880, published by the same house, contains, possibly, more information on the condition of the press of the country than any other similar publication it has been our fortune to see.

There is one suggestion which we offer to the Compiler for the edition of 1881. To make another special list, that of papers devoted to the interest of the Negro American; there are now over fifty of them more than there are of any other class publications with the exception of German newspapers.

The September Atlantic brings the concluding chapters of "The Stillwater Tragedy,' one of the most vigorous, witty, and delightful novels Mr. Aldrich has yet written. Richard Grant White describes a visit to Oxford and Cambridge, which will have great interest for many readers. J. T. Trowbridge writes a charming poem on "Twoscore and Ten;" and other poems, which will attract all lovers of poetry, are "The perpetuity of Song," by James T. Fields, "Unaware," by Maurice Thompson, "Each Side the Bridge," by As B. Street, and "West Wind," by Celia Thaxter. The Washington Reminiscences this time relate to the short-lived Harrison Administration. There are two political artices,—one on the "progress of the Presidential Canvass," the other on the important subject of the 'Political Responsibility of the Individual," by R. R. Bowker. Mark Twain contributes a characteristic story of "Mrs. McWilliams and the Lightning." T. S. Perry writes instructively of Sir Walter Scott. Ellen W. Olney, who has written some admirable short stories, has this month one entitled "Au Serieux." Mrs. Kate Gannet Wells discusses "Women in Organizations." Other essays, criticisms of new books, and a bright "Contributors' Club" complete a thoroughly enjoyable number of this magazine.

Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York have in press the life of Gen. Garfield by Major J. M. Bundy, editor of the "New York Evening Mail." Major Bundy brings personal qualifications of the very highest order to the preparation of this task. He has long been on terms of intimacy with Gen. Garfield, he has had free access to his private and official correspondence, assisted by Gen. Garfield's friends and his experence as a journalist will in addition give the forthcoming work a given a value not possessed by campaign biographies. The price of the work which is elaborately illustrated, is placed at the low figure of $1.00 per copy in cloth, fifty cents in paper cover. Canvassers, Garfield Clubs and other Republican political associations will do well to send in their orders at once to the publishers.

"Best of All."

Baltimore, Md, March 5th, 1879.
Dr. R. V. PIERCE:

Dear Sir—My family have used your Favorite Prescription and it has done all that is claimed for it. It is the best of all preparations for women complaints. I recommend it all families.

G. S. WATERMAN, Druggist.

FLASHES OF FASHION.

Short redingotes are again worn.

High back combs are no longer worn.

None but Derby hats are of plain felt.

Polka dotted stockings are much worn.

Bead embroideries retain their popularity.

Cardinal and old gold remain fashionable.

Derby hats never go entirely out of vogue.

Ophelia is a new dark shade of heliotrope.

Gold and tinsel will be as fashionable as ever.

Crown braids and puffs have gone out of date.

The new coiffures are very flat and smooth.

French and India costumes will again be worn.

Short dresses are worn on all sorts of occasions.

Dotted fabrics are growing in fashionable favor.

Fancy feathers will be worn only on Derby hats.

Jerseys will be worn next month, in New York.

The polonaise in various forms will be revived this fall.

English and French styles are not at all alike this fall.

"Anchorite" hats will be worn with "Pilgrim" suits.

Languedoc yellow is a new shade of this popular color.

Jersey webbing is found among the fall importations.

Crimped and fluffy hair dressing has gone out of fashion.

New laces are embroidered with gold and silver threads.

Fifteen yard-square handkerchiefs are sold for a costume.

Rumchudda and Kora silks are to take the place of Surah.

Strings of pearls in the coils of the hair are again fashionable.

Plush will take the place of velvet in millinery next season.

Jet ornaments will be used to excess on fall hats and bonnets.

The "hermit" polonaise is the novelty in early fall garments.

Breakfast caps are *de rigueur*, with a dressy morning toilet.

Ostrich tips and plumes will be more worn than fancy feathers.

Plush and satin will be used together, in trimming costumes.

Side combs of coral, celluloid, ivory, shell, and jet are much worn.

Many narrow flounces appear on the skirts of some full dresses.

Balayeuses of the same stuff as the costumes are coming into vogue.

The new plaid mixtures embrace clan tartan, Madras, and French plaids.

Fancy reticules are trimmed with much gathered lace, cords and tassels.

Polonaises, basques, round waists, and pointed bodices are all in vogue.

Petticoats are much wider, to fill out the wider skirts of the new dresses.

It takes fifteen large, all-wool plaid handkerchiefs to make a Paris handkerchief suit.

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FOR PRESIDENT,
JAMES A. GARFIELD,
of Ohio.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT;
CHESTER A. ARTHUR,
of New York.

Our Baltimore correspondent furnished a complete list of the prominent persons present at the Sparta Picnic last week, but owing to the lateness of its arrival, we had but one choice, either to omit them or the entire article, to get out in time. We chose the former.

It is a very bad habit that prevails very largely here, of female societies parading through the streets in elaborate regalia,—collars, shepherd's crooks, etc.,' etc.; it is in bad taste. Preachers should speak to the people occasionally from the pulpit about it; it reflects on us as a race. We believe in benevolent societies; but woman is out of place behind bands of music, arrayed in velveteen and tinsel. Stop it!

A letter from the colored Hancock club, of Richmond, Virginia, concludes thus:

We will say that we have some as good writers of our color in the Hancock and English Democratic cause as in the Republican ranks—such as Mr. W. C. Chase, of Washington, D. C. etc.

That's so! There is no abler writer in all the land than this same gentleman. If any doubt it, all they will have to do is to send for his famous address on "The Bible ethically considered from the principles of equity, etc., etc." We advise our Richmond friends to put up Moses Taylor against him—but Mr. Chase is not for Hancock!

At the ratification meeting of Garfield and Arthur in this city on the 19th inst., the great concourse of people that gathered in front of the City Hall to hear the distinguished speakers on that occasion, read also the names of the two republican candidates for the presidency in beautiful little lambent flames. The letters by by which the names of the candidates are spelt were very large and raised far above the platform; each letter was filled with several small holes and from each hole burst forth a brilliant jet of light. But occasionally contrary winds blew out some of these lights, but as soon as one was blown out, some one would light it again and this was continued until the speaking was over, and the people went away satisfied. Now just as those little jets of light showed that great crowd of people so distinctly and beautifully the name of Garfield and Arthur, so the deeds of the republicans show to the country what kind of stuff the party is made of. The deeds of this party stand out in beautiful colors all over the country, and they beam with fresh brilliancy every year. The people of this country see these lights, they are attracted by them and they are coming closer to them. Every good act that the republican party has done since it has been in power is a jet of light and the country is studded all over with them. Occasionally one of these lights is blown out by a blast of democratic wind, but a good republican stands close by to light it up again as soon as it is blown out.

POOR WADE!

Wade Hampton is now discouraged; he says he does not know what to do. When the speech which Hampton made at Staunton, Virginia, was seen in print by democrats, they became very much alarmed; they thought it would not do to have a man to speak so plainly as he did. They knew that such utterances would ruin their party, though they knew very well that he was telling the truth when he said that the principles for which Lee and Jackson fought are the same principles for which the democratic party are contending to-day.

Hampton's friends urged him to come out and contradict the statement of the newspapers. He now denies the report and says: "I neither used the words attributed to me nor anything approaching them in meaning. I am perplexed and almost discouraged." But the Staunton *Vindicator*, a democratic organ of that town, undertakes to vindicate Hampton and to tell the public just what he said in his speech; we mean that part of it which so alarmed the democrats. That paper makes him say these words: "I ask you to remember those who have died on your soil, and to remember that the principles that they died for are again on trial."

Now, it is clearly seen that the *Vindicator* in trying to help Hampton out of his difficulty has not done him any good. Instead of this paper taking Wade out of the slough of despond, it has pushed him further into the mire. The *Vindicator* only proves to the public that the first report of his speech was true. For what is the difference between the first report of his speech and the last report when we speak after the manner of democrats? No difference at all; both mean the same thing with them, and they know it—but they would like to conceal it for the present. We are glad to see that Hampton was bold enough and honest enough to speak out and let the world know the sentiment of the democratic party. He did not mean to be so bold, neither did he mean to be so honest, but these ideas were the outburst of his heart; his heart was full of that sort of sentiment, and "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

The sketch of Mr. Hall on our first page is from *The Elevator*.

DEMOCRAT MEANNESS TO A COLORED WOMAN.

The assertion is constantly paraded through the medium of the Democrat Press, that the colored people of the South are organizing Democrat Clubs and are anxious to be known as Hancock men. If such be the case (?) and it is highly improbable, it is the result of fear rather than love or inclination. If it were possible to enlighten the colored voters of the South as to the real issue between the two parties and to rehearse in their presence the many mean acts perpetrated by that party towards the colored people, it would be difficult to find one colored Democrat voter among a thousand colored voters.

The very mean manner in which Mrs. Kate Dodson was put out of her place is fresh before us, and considering the attention, this case is receiving from the Republican Press, it behooves us who are so closely identified to this latest victum of Bourbon hate to manifest our resentment. Not that she was discharged, because that is inevitable sooner or later with all government employes unless death intervenes. But we have just complaint that faith is broken in regard to Mrs. Dodson and in a manner that affects the integrity of the whole Democratic party.

The place as attendant of the ladies waiting room U. S. Senate was specially created for Mrs. Dodson some 17 years ago and to remove her from the contingencies which usually beset government, employes her name was inserted in the appropriation bill and there it remained until the control of the Senate passed into the hands of the Democrats. When her name was omitted, the fact was soon noticed by Senator Blaine, who asked if the Democrats intended to remove that faithful attendant who could do them no harm, not being a voter, Senator Beck was quick to reply and assurred the Senate and the country that there was no intention on their part to disturb Mrs. Dodson. With such assurance the Republicans let the matter rest. Now some one has been guilty of a mean subterfuge to divorce from Mrs. Dodson her support in the Senate, for had not the Senator from Kentucky speaking for his party given the above assurance, the Republicans would have pressed the matter to a vote and she would undoubtedly have retained her place. Col. Bright the Sergeant at Arms sent his messenger on Friday the 14th to say to Mrs. Dodson her service would not be required after the next day. That was no way to treat her after a long service, one day's notice and no reason assigned. Upon the advice of her friends she refused to accept it as legal and retained the keys of the room until the Sergeant at Arms could be seen. He refused to see any of her friends and absented himself from his office for several days, but at length was seen and agreed to extend the time until the 1st of September. If more is needed to induce colored men to vote *en masses* the Republican ticket, wherever an opportunity presents itself, this last mean act of dishonorable dealing certainly ought to supply it. From all over the country letters have been received, from Democrats as well as Republicans, stating their want of sympathy with the party and urging her reinstatement there or that a place be made for her in one of the departments, all of which contain hundreds of Democrats. One lady, a quaker of Philadelphia, is particularly strong in her manifestation of sympathy for Mrs. Dodson. Let this matter be spread among the voters in Virginia and other Southern States where the colored people are the balance of power.

SPURGEON BREAKING DOWN THE WALL.

Spurgeon is said to be the greatest preachers in the world. This has been said more than once. He is a Baptist; the Baptists take the greatest pleasure in speaking and writing of him. But Mr. Spurgeon differs from most Baptists in one respect; viz: he is free from the old dogma of close communion. The recent Raikes' Centennial, which was held in London was celebrated at its close by the Lord's supper in Mr. Spurgeon's church: Christians of various denominations were present "It would have been difficult for the most ritualistic of close communionists to have been present and not feel the incongruity of their theory with the deed wakened consciousness of the facts in such a case as that."

"It is impossible, said Mr. Spurgeon to restrict communion; and as blood is said to be thicker than water so the blood of Christ by which we hope for salvation, war thicker than the water of his baptism, therfore, I am glad to commune." In closing the service, Mr. Spurgeon requested each one in the house to join hands with the person beside him as a token of christian communion and fellowship while the vast audience sang; "E'er since by faith I saw the stream."

It always takes a strong man to brake down a strong wall. Mr. Spurgeon is the strongest man in the Baptist church; and with one blow, he has demolished very badly, the strong old wall of close communion in London. Who will follow him in America? Will not some of our own colored ministers in the Baptist churches in this country lead off to this most important step toward christian union? Will you wait until the white Baptist ministers of this country invite christians of all denominations to commune with them and after that, then, you follow them? Let it not be so; let them follow you. Let us beat the white people of this country once in doing a good thing; and let them imitate us; let us start in some things time enough to get a head sometimes.

The time will come, and the day is not far distant, when Baptists all over the world will commune with christians of every otherevangelical denomination; and baptists in turn will invite all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity to commune with them.

We as a race should be more united in every thing that has a tendency toward elevating us; because in union there is strength. Class communion divides us instead of uniting us. If we were more united, we would rise much faster in culture and in wealth, colored clergymen would be much more friendly and would meet often to talk over the religious interests of our poeple and from this conversation many things would be brought about to lift us up in the scale of christian intelligence.

BALTIMORE NOTES

The man that hath no music in himself
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet songs
Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils,

said a young miss as she entered the gate at Irving Park last Friday the 20th instant, in response to an invitation by the Sparta Club, of Washington. It was the first annual basket pic-nic given by the club, and it proved a brilliant affair. Fully two hundred or more guests were present and dancing was highly indulged in. The junior club of our city, Mr. Solomon Dicoursey, president, and Banneker Club, Mr. W. S. Lewis, president, were both invited and the members of each accepted the invitation and attended. Mr. J. H Smith the president of Sparta Club had with his associates' assistance made great preparation for the occasion. The music furnished by Fisher's Orchestra could not have been better and its strains charmed every one that looked upon it. Surely the musicians cannot say that they piped unto the guests, and they did not dance. So sweet was the music that we saw turning in the galops, lancers, schottishes, waltzes, and polkas, young men and old men, young women and old women. Nearly every member of the Sparta Club was present and helped to crown the event. About three o'clock when the dark clouds were succeeded by clearer ones and the sun shone forth in unobstructed serenity, the music apparently grew sweeter. The woods were full of sweet song, so much so that the little inhabitants of air chirped, 'What means all this?" The dancers grew enthusiastic and rising upon the floor amidst heat and tired, danced to the music for some minutes. Every foot was in motion, no hand was still, the head shouted and the combat still deepened; it was the music of Pinafore that caused all this commotion and will not soon be forgotten. Too many thanks cannot be given the Sparta Club for this grand reception in the woods. It brought together some of the best society of Washington and Baltimore as well as pretty ladies. Each train brought invited guests either from Washington or Baltimore which swelled the participants very much in numbers. The members of the Sparta Club brought every effort into requisition to hospitably and pleasantly entertain their guests.

The club occupies a lofty position in Washington society and has some very prominent personages as members. The baskets contained all of the delicacies of the season, and the cessation of music was followed by the noisy corks that were forced from the many bottles of wine which were the product of the Sparta Club. The members of the Junior and Banneker Clubs also wined their Washington friends in excellent style. It is stated that the best joke the Washingtonions ever played was upon Mr. Arthur Roberts who being strictly temperate, using neither cigars, tobacco, or wines, was betrayed by a "lemonade," which they especially made for him. It was a great enemy to that gentleman and for a space of time deprived him of much pleasure. He returns many thanks to his friends who so kindly attended him during his disturbed moments. It was stated by the railroad authorities that the pic-nic was far in advance of anything that has taken place at Irving Park this summer. The dress of the ladies was admirable as well as that of the gentlemen and a wail of sorrow fell upon everything when an urchin ascended the dome of the pavillion and sounded the bell for retirement. Had access thereto been easy I venture to say that some lady like Bessie in Basil Underwood's case would have ascended the tower and looking down from her position upon the scene below would have struggled with the urchin repeating at the same time in tones of sorrow, "Curfew shall not ring to-night."

This being the first of the kind that has ever taken place between clubs it was highly appreciable and has won for the Sparta Club a distinction that time itself can only erase. The participants left at sun down for home under cover of moonlight.

The colored people had a fine meeting at Shawsheen River Grove yesterday. Rev. Mr. Scott of the Oliver Baptist church and the congregation to the extent of two cars full were joined at the grove by about twenty from Haverhill. The exercises were carried out according to programme. In the forenoon Rev. Mr. Laws of Washington, D. C., preached, and Rev. Mr. Ellis, of Boston, the after noon to appreciative audiences. In the afternoon the audience was quite large, as many strangers came upon the grounds during the noon hours. There was no disturbance, and every thing passed of in good order.—*Lawrence Eagle.*

New cheviot checks show the same mixtures of color that gentlemen's cheviots do.

Buttons on fancy boots now match those on the costumes with which they are worn.

G. U. O. of O. F.

Communications for this column should be addressed to "ODD FELLOWS' COLUMN," Peoples' Advocate.

Brief communications for this column are invited. It is, as its name implies, devoted to the interests of the order.—Ed.

VIRGINIA.

Rev. W. H. Brooks has been elected orator, and Joseph H. Hill, M. shall on the occasion of the meeting of the A. M. C. of the United States. This body will meet in the House of Delegates.—*Virginia Post.*

ILLINOIS.

M. V. P. and ex-Deputy Grand Master Solomon Taylor received a telegram from the secretary of Cincinnati Lodge No. 1883, of Cincinnati, Ohio, notifying him that he has been selected orator of the day for their second annual celebration in that city, Friday, September 3. He has accepted of the honor and will be there. Mr. Taylor has become quite noted as an orator of the Order, and well versed in its workings. This is the third invitation he has received of late—one here, one at Springfield, Illinois, and this one to Cincinnati.—Louisville *Bulletin.*

A MODEL LODGE ROOM.

It was our pleasure to visit the place of meeting of the two Lodges of Odd Fellows lately. At an expense of some three hundred or more dollars they have fitted up a lodge room and attending suite of rooms that is worthy of the most extravagant praise. It is papered with a delicate blue, stationed, elegantly adorned and ornamented with the insignia of the Order. The floor is covered with an elegant Brussels carpet, with matting on the outer edges. Light is furnished by two large chandeliers and twelve gas jets. It is a thing of beauty. Even the stall where the goat is kept is nicely arranged for that animal's comfort. The brethren seem to love their lodge room, and well they may for it is a little palace.—*E. F. Hi in Indianapolis Leader.*

CHARLESTON, S. C.

United Hall, Calhoun-street, was packed on last Monday night with Odd Fellows and their friends to witness the presentation of an elegant banner from the "Ladies' Monrovia Circle" to Monrovia Lodge, No. 19 The banner, with an appropriate address couched in beautiful language was delivered by Miss M. C. Robinson. The banner was received and the address responded to by Mr. I. L. Kinson. After the presentation several hours were passed in a pleasant way by the ladies and gentlemen who honored the occasion by their presence.—*New Era.*

The colored Odd Fellows celebrated the anniversary of their establishment in the United States on last Thursday by a picnic at Remly's Point. Before embarking they paraded through several of the streets and presented a splendid appearance. There were six Charleston Lodges and two visiting ones from Savannah and Columbia, the whole together numbering over 500 men. We regret to chronicle a fatal accident that occurred from the wharf at Remley's Point. A member of the Columbia Lodge, Mr. Adam Holcombe, was sitting down asleep when by some means he awoke in a fright and fell overboard, and before assistance could be given was drowned.—*New Era.*

A picnic will be given by Pet Ogden Lodge, No. 1374 at Van Ness Garden, corner 17th and B Streets, n. w., September 2nd. Proceeds for the benefit of the Lodge which has become very much embarrassed on account of repeated deaths.

A PLAN FOR MUTUAL RELIEF.

In scanning over the propositions to be considered by the next general meeting of the Order, I am favorably impressed with the amount of good that is likely to grow out of the pro-

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1880.

JEROME A. JOHNSON News Editor.

LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Shiloh Sunday school gave their picnic Tuesday at Van Ness Garden.

—Mr. Lindsay Muse and daughter have returned to the city, after a long journey throughout the Western States.

—The 19th-Street church had their picnic Monday at Tivoli Park. An agreeable time was spent, but it was not much of a financial success.

—The 41st anniversary of the 19th-Street Baptist church begins to-morrow. Rev. Madden, of Alexandria, preaches in the morning, Rev. J. W. Stevenson at 3 o'clock, and Rev. Fields Cook at night. The Juvenile Choir will sing at the afternoon services.

—The following officers were installed at Asbury M. E. Sunday school on the 22d inst: Superintendent, John W. Gray; assistant, Martin Franklin; recording secretary, Miss B. E. Myers; corresponding secretary, Thomas A. James; treasurer, George H. Martin; librarian, Miss H. C. Ricks; assistant, Gurden Snowden, jr.

—Miss Mary Bradford of Baltimore is in the city, spending the time very pleasantly.

—Mrs. Henry Jarvis and Mrs. James S. Burnett, are spending a few days at Fortress Monroe.

—Zion Baptist Church, s. w. was crowded last Sunday morning, the funeral obsequies of Caroline Taylor, a veteran member, took place at the time.

—Wm. E. Matthews and Dr. Barboso went to Harper's Ferry Saturday and returned Tuesday. Mr. Matthews pronounces the the table excellent, and where is there a better judge, and the scenery from Jefferson's Rock as simply grand.

—Miss Rebecca Brown of Capital Hill is spending a few weeks in Hampton.

—The weather has changed considerably, and so has public sentiment with regard to Hancock.

—Teachers' Institute meets in Warrenton, on the 7th prox.

—H. E. Barnett left for Warrenton last week to be on hand at the opening of the school.

—Mt. Bethel Baptist Association opened its session last Tuesday at the 5th Baptist church (Rev. J. H. Brook's) and closed on Friday.

—Rev. John H. Brooks, of the 5th Baptist church, and his amiable wife returned home Wednesday from a pleasure trip to different parts of Virginia.

—Our enterprising townsman Mr. "Grit" Reed is erecting two spendid brick edifices adjoining his restaurant on 11th street bet. Q and R street, n. w.

—The compositors on the *National Era* have "struck," and their places temporarily filled, by Messrs. Edward D. Nalle and James H Thomas, formerly of the ADVOCATE.

—The 9th Anniversary of R. H. Lee Lodge was celebrated in Warrenton, Va., last Monday, visiting lodges came by excursion from Culpeper, Rappahanock and Middleburg. Among the persons who visited the city were Miss Mamie Syphax her aunt and cousins.

—Those of our friends who have been "honored" with an invitation to Proctor's at Rockville on the 2nd prox. should acknowledge such invitation without delay.

—Two colored women have been appointed as census clerks at Washington, which has caused some commotion among the other clerks, there being a strong feeling against working in the same room with them. If color is the only objection, it is to be hoped that measure will be taken to put down this unworthly prejudice —*Harper's Weekly.*

—The fruit festival, given at Wesley Zion Church, Monday evening Aug. 23, under the auspices of the young ladies of said church, was largely attended and a great success.

—There will be a meeting of the Enterprise Publishing Company, on Tuesday the 31st inst., at 5 o'clock. The meeting will come off at the rooms 609 La. ave. n. w.

—Redpath's Bureau has engaged the services of Mr. and Mrs. McKenney for their series of fall and winter concerts. They will report in Boston on or about the 1st prox.

A Republican Manual which bids fair to become as entertaining as popular is that just published by the American Book Exchange of New York. Its full title is the History Principles, Early Leaders and Achievements of the Republican Party and is by E. V. Smalley, staff correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune. It very briefly but succinctly gives a sketch of the different political parties from the foundation of the government, their growth and developement, in detail the circumstances that culminated in the formation of the Republican Party, its accession to national power and the fruits of its ascendency. It next gives the national chapter on early republican platforms of the party from 1865 to 1880. A leaders is furnished by Chas. T. Congdon. Republican victories are grouped under tables showing the popular and electoral vote at each presidential election since the party came in favor and a statement giving the annual reduction in the principal interest and per capita amount of the public debt from, 1865 to 1880. In the next hundred pages follow the biographical sketch of Gen. Garfield, extracts from his political speeches, and his letter of acceptance. E. L. Murlin furnishes the sketch of Chester A. Arthur, the nominee for Vice-President. The work concludes with Gen. Arthur's letter of acceptance and an appendix containing a collection of the abandoned principles of the Democratic Party selected from their National platforms since 1856. The book is well bound, printed in leaded brevier and placed at the figure of fifty cents. For sale at James Anglinn's F st. n. w.

PERSONAL.

Hon. John M. Langston has arrived home.

Peter H. Clark of Cincinati and J. S. Hinton of Indianapolis will speak at a grand politidal demonstration and emancipation celebration at Madison Md., September 22.

Rev. W. J. Simmons, formerly of this city late pastor of the Baptist church of Lexington, Ky., will assume on the first proximo, the principalship of the Baptist Normal and Theological Institute of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. J. W. Cromwell has received and accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the Emancipation celebration at Cumberland Md. Sept. 22.

Rev. Scott referred to in the article taken from the Lawrence Eagle is the W. H. Scott formerly of this city.

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osition from Pride of Jefferson Lodge, No. 1676, of New Orleans, La., in relation to mutual relief. It provides for every member of the Order including the Households of Ruth to become members of the Relief Bureau at will; the entrance fee to be one dollar, and a tax of twenty-five cents a year with an assessment of ten cents upon the death of a member. The amount of relief to be six hundred dollars, and the lodge of which the deceased was a member shall receive seventy-five dollars for funeral expenses, thereby relieving the lodge from providing a funeral fund, and enabling them to devote their whole financial ability to relieving the sick and distressed, the management to be under the general head of the Order, the S. C. of M., the permanent secretaries of the subordinate lodges acting as agents. This proposition will, in my opinion, meet the objection of many and thereby make our mutual relief department a success. The simplicity of plan and detail arrangement will be great inducement to that end. We take pleasure in commending this proposition to evey Odd Fellow and well-wisher of our Order and race. We venture this much from careful survey of the field in which it is proposed to be worked, and hope to see it adopted by the general meeting in October and put into successful operation, by every member sending on his dollar to the fund and every sister of Ruth likewise.

Fraternally yours,
A. K. MANNING.

WASHINGTONIANS AT CAMP MEETING.

Editor of the Advocate:

Yesterday was a delightful day here. Many Baltimoreans, Washingtonians and citizens of the adjourning counties availed themselves of the pleasure, and visited these delightful grounds. Sunday being an unusuall fine day, with alternate clouds and sunshine, and most refreshing breezes, all seem to vie with nature in her loveliness in proclaiming the Sabbath holy and truly hallowed. Hundreds of vehicles of every discription could be seen upon the ground. Perfect order reigned every where, with but one exception, and that was at the 9 o'clock prayer experience meeting. The elder or pastor in charge, stopped the meeting to reprimand white people for standing on the seats and not taking off their hats, during service. He gave them a good lesson in politeness and morality, at 11 o'clock service. The Rev. Dr. Peck, pastor of Asbury Church Washington, D. C., preached an able and impressive sermon, taking for his text, Matthews 3d chapter and part of the 11th verse. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance." There were hundreds of people from far and near on the grounds.

Among the Washingtonians were Mrs. L. V. Contee, G. S. and J. R. Contee jr. and the Misses Contee, Mrs. L. S. Chase and the Misses Chase, Miss Sallie Carey, Miss Finnetta Ward, Messrs. J. and C. Butler, Dr. J. R. Francis, Wm Matthews, Smith Wormerly, I. Mitchell, Mrs. Solomon Brown, "Joe" Morrison Douglass Cox and many others. We were not in attendance on the evening service. Knowing how Willy Cupid is we kept a sharp eye on him all the while. By the way Mr, Editor we heard up here weeks ago that our genial friend "Sol" Morrison of the P. O. Dpt. was trying to charter every first class vehicle in your city to convey his import self and with you to camp to take notes on things generally. We anxiously awaited his coming. We like to look upon his burly form, that imposing statue of his impresses us all with his intellectual greatness. It has been a question with us which of those great qualities, of his, predomidate. We finally agreed that his body is large for his intellect. Mr. Editor, we were sadly disappointed at not seeing you and genial "Sol." Only think of it, Mr. "Joe" Morrison the brother of our genial "Sol" is the only reigning Lord, at the Widow Hill's, delightful summer mansion. Nice place to hang up your hat "Joe," the Widow is gay and charming yet. The colored people in this county are in a prosperous condition, many owing their farms and teams.

It is doubtful whether Miss Lulu and Binnie Contee, Miss Ella V. and Eva Chase will return home, with their hearts. We learn they are earnestly considering whether they will become farmers' wives or not. Young men of Washington had better come to Maryland and learn to be farmers. A hint to the wise sufficient. Yours truly.

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